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SUBJECT: SECURITY ARRESTS

1. CITING MILGOV SPOKESMAN, LOCAL MEDIA REPORT NOV 2 ARREST OF 40 PALESTINIANS FROM RAMALLAH AND TULKARM AREAS ON SECURITY CHARGES. FORTY ALLEGED TO COMPOSE FIVE CELLS OF FOUR DIFFERENT PLO GROUPS: FATAH, PFLP, PDFLP, AND ALF. AT LEAST SOME OF THE GROUP HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH SETTING FIRE TO A BUS USED TO TRANSPORT WEST BANK ARABS TO JOBS IN ISRAEL AND INCITING DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO RAMALLAH'S MAYOR, INVESTIGATION AND ARRESTS IN NEARBY JALAZUN REFUGEE CAMP HAVE CENTERED ON YOUNG PALESTINIANS WHO HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM STUDIES IN NEARBY ARAB COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH MANY YOUNG WEST BANKERS, IN THE PAST YEAR, HAVE BEEN FINED AND/OR IMPRISONED FOR PARTICIPATION IN DEMONSTRATIONS, AND OTHERS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN RESISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS, THIS REPORT IS THE FIRST OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE THAT LINKS MEMBERSHIP WITH PROTEST

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